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Tendering and Bidding for Access: A Regulator's Guide to Auctions Menezes, Flavio M; Pitchford, Rohan; Wait, Andrew Australian Journal of Management v28n3 PP: 345-370 Dec 2003 ISSN: 0312-8962 JRNL CODE: AJM

WORD COUNT: 13408

...TEXT: ascending auction, but in the opposite order. Each participant submits a sealed bid. If the highest bid is greater than the second-place one by a previously determined margin or percentage, that bid wins outright. If not, all participants whose bids are within...

...Hybrid auction. They modelled a situation in which three risk-neutral agents compete in a two-stage auction: a first-price auction followed by a Vickrey auction when there are bids sufficiently near the highest first-price auction bid. In a situation...

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0066030

INTERIOR LEASE SALE IN GULF REACHES RECORD FOR NUMBER OF BLOCKS BID

Inside Energy With Federal Lands, Pg 9

April 4, 1988

JOURNAL CODE: IE ISSN: 0-278-2227 WORD COUNT: 465

#### TEXT:

... participating in the sale were 84 companies submitting nearly \$595 million in total bids.

The highest bid received -- \$18.2 million for West Cameron Block 248 -- was from Atlantic Richfield Co. Block 248 also attracted the most bids, 15. The highest bid on each block will go through a two-phase evaluation process before a lease is awarded. Each block is about nine square miles.

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0252955 DC033

HIGH BIDS TOTAL \$427.4 MILLION IN CENTRAL GULF OF MEXICO LEASE SALE 123

DATE: March 21, 1990 16:41 EST WORD COUNT: 251

...important contribution that OCS areas play in providing secure domestic oil and gas supplies."

The highest bid received was \$11,121,460, submitted by Agip
Petroleum and Union Texas for Vermilion South Block...

...Shoal South Addition Block 283, located approximately 75 miles offshore Louisiana in Federal waters; each received 8 bids.

The highest bid on each block will go through a twophase evaluation process before a lease is awarded. Each block is approximately nine square miles.

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0195838 AT017 HIGH BIDS TOTAL \$263.7 MILLION IN WESTERN GULF OIL AND GAS LEASE SALE

DATE: August 23, 1989 17:05 E.T. WORD COUNT: 219

...sale shows that the industry is optimistic about the future demand for natural gas."

The highest bid received was \$9,066,240, submitted by LL&E, Northern Michigan, NERCO, and Equitable Resources for...

...is located approximately 10 miles offshore and 30 miles southwest of Galveston, Texas.

The highest bid on each block will go through a twophase evaluation process before a lease is awarded. Each block is approximately nine square miles.

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0150260 DC024 HIGH BIDS TOTAL \$397,513,998 IN CENTRAL GULF OIL AND GAS LEASE SALE

DATE: March 15, 1989 15:26 EST WORD COUNT: 237

...participate in this sale, as well as the expectation of increased drilling in 1989."

The highest bid received was \$18,327,000, submitted by FMP
Operating Co. and Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co...

...Cameron blocks 152 and 153, located approximately 60 miles southwest of Lake Charles, La.; they received seven bids each.

The highest bid on each block will go through a twophase evaluation process before a lease is awarded. Each block is approximately 9 square miles.

4/3,K/6 (Item 4 from file: 813)
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0122028 DC014
BIDS RECEIVED ON 115 TRACTS IN EASTERN GULF OF MEXICO OIL AND GAS LEASE
SALE

DATE: November 16, 1988 12:49 E.T. WORD COUNT: 297

...for leasing until after the end of fiscal year 1989 on Sept. 30, 1988.

The highest bid received was \$3,143,000 submitted by Amoco Production Co., for DeSoto Canyon Block 133.

The high bid on each tract will go through a twophase evaluation process before a lease is awarded. Each block is approximately nine square miles.

4/3,K/7 (Item 1 from file: 148)
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13057421 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 69442435 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)

AUCTIONS OF COMPANIES.

HANSEN, ROBERT G.

Economic Inquiry, 39, 1, 30

Jan, 2001

ISSN: 0095-2583 LANGUAGE: English RECORD TYPE: Fulltext

WORD COUNT: 10838 LINE COUNT: 00853

... first-round auction, it will be useful to develop a very simple example of a two-stage auction that clearly shows the principles at work. The example will also highlight the importance of...the high-valued bidder depends upon the state. (17)

Proceeding then with analysis of a two-stage auction under those assumptions, we assume that in the initial round each bidder puts in a...out of five bidders to receive additional proprietary information and participate in a final round auction. The two-stage process limits the number of bidders in the final round so as to reduce potential...to overall expected profit with initial bid (b.sub.i) = b, where b is the highest possible initial bid, in order to determine the overall best bid. (Overall expected profit in the latter case will be just p...

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06705807 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 14400641 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)

Offshore lease sale draws more interest, \$64 million in bids.

Oil Daily, v43, n178, p3(1)

Sept 16, 1993

ISSN: 0030-1434 LANGUAGE: ENGLISH RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT

WORD COUNT: 274 LINE COUNT: 00020

... year's total of \$30 million. This year, total bids equaled \$80.1 million.

The highest bid received was \$5.06 million, submitted by Hall-Houston Oil Co. for Mustang Island Area Block 783. That block, about 30 miles offshore Texas in federal waters, received the most bids, six.

The highest bid on each block will go through a twophase evaluation process to assure the receipt of fair market value before a lease is awarded... 4/3,K/9 (Item 3 from file: 148)
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04069432 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 07555266 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)

High bids total \$263.7 million in Western Gulf oil and gas lease sale.

(Western Gulf of Mexico)

PR Newswire, 0823AT017

August 23, 1989

LANGUAGE: ENGLISH RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT

WORD COUNT: 266 LINE COUNT: 00021

... sale shows that the industry is optimistic about the future demand for natural gas."

The highest bid received was \$9,066,240, submitted by LL&E, Northern Michigan, NERCO, and Equitable Resources for...

...is located approximately 10 miles offshore and 30 miles southwest of Galveston, Texas.

The highest bid on each block will go through a twophase evaluation process before a lease is awarded. Each block is approximately nine square miles.

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03695327 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 07124121 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)

Bids received on 115 tracts in Eastern Gulf of Mexico oil and gas lease sale. (Interior Department's Minerals Management Service)

PR Newswire, 1116DC014

Nov 16, 1988

LANGUAGE: ENGLISH RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT

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... for leasing until after the end of fiscal year 1989 on Sept. 30, 1988.

The highest bid received was \$3,143,000 submitted by Amoco Production Co., for DeSoto Canyon Block 133.

The high bid on each tract will go through a twophase evaluation process before a lease is awarded. Each block is approximately nine square miles.

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DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM AND METHOD

SYSTEME ET PROCEDE DE TRAITEMENT DE DONNEES

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Patent and Priority Information (Country, Number, Date):

Patent:

...20030410

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Claims

Publication Year: 2003

### **Detailed Description**

... for the or each bid is used to - 12 identify the at least one earliest highest bid and hence determine the at least one winner of the auction. This information is stored in the database...bidder purchase price for the at least one item based on the value of the highest losing bid.

More preferably, the method further comprises.

determining whether the value of the highest losing bid is equal to the value

of the lowest winning bid;

if the highest losing bid...is processed according to the method of the first aspect of the invention. The same two-stage processing of incoming bids as used in the first aspect of the present invention may also be applied to...has a particular value, then rank those

bids in order of how early they were received; identify the "n" highest earliest bidders as winning bidders; Determine the value of the highest losing bid; Does the highest losing bid have the same value as the lowest winning bid?

Yes => set the purchase price of...

#### Claim

... the or each bid are used to identify 1 5 the at least one earliest highest bid and hence determine the at least one winner of the auction.

56 A method according to Claim 50...s purchase price for the at least one item based on the value of the highest losing bid. - 34

59 A method according to Claim 58 further comprising: determining whether the value of the highest losing bid

is equal to the value

...s purchase price for the at least one item based on the value of the highest losing bid.

93 Apparatus according to Claim 92 further comprising: means for determining whether the value of the highest losing bid is equal to the value of the lowest winning bid; means for setting the maximum...

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ENHANCED AUCTION MECHANISM FOR ONLINE TRANSACTIONS MECANISME D'ENCHERES AMELIORE POUR TRANSACTIONS EN LIGNE Patent Applicant/Assignee:

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#### **Detailed Description**

... associated with the item. Subsequently, should the bidder win the auction (normally by placing the highest bid), the bidder receives the discount.

An item may be featured according to a random event by a random...of the original auction to qualify for the rebate.

Auction module 54 provides for "sequential bid" auctions. According to module 54, the bidding process follows a two-phase process as depicted in FIG. 6. Process 300 initiates theauctionprocessfortheitem, when the item is listed for sale by the seller. Box 310 follows process 300.

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#### 00968432

WOOL TENDER SELLING SYSTEM

SYSTEME POUR VENDRE DES SOUMISSIONS POUR DE LA LAINE

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Fulltext Availability: Detailed Description

Claims

#### **English Abstract**

...system for tendering a lot of a commodity in large volume. The method provides a two-stage process in which the results of a first bid round are displayed to participants of the tender, who then revise their first bids in...

Publication Year: 2002

#### **Detailed Description**

... buyer will preferably be shown those lots for which they are the leading bidder, the highest bid price for all other lots, and the quantity of bids received for each lot.

It may also be possible to show the identity of the second...those bids are also tied, the bids in the first round can be compared to determine the highest bid during that round and thus the winner determined.

Following the display of results for say a few seconds, that information can be saved...

#### Claim

... or more highest equal revised bids, the lot is awarded to the buyer

with the highest equal revised bid whose first bid is received first.

9 A method of tendering a lot of a commodity ...or more highest equal revised bids, the lot is awarded to the buyer with the highest equal revised bid whose first bid was received first.

17 A method of ...time; and

being awarded the sale of the lot if the revised bid is the highest bid over the reserve.

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9 A method of tendering a lot of a commodity comprising the steps of...or more highest bids being equal, the lot is awarded to the buyer with the highest equal revised bid whose first bid was received first.

17 A method of tendering a lot of a commodity comprising the steps of...

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#### **Detailed Description**

... associated with the item. Subsequently, should the bidder win the auction (normally by placing the highest bid), the bidder receives the

discount

An item may be featured according to a random event by a random...of the original auction to qualify for the rebate.

Auction module 54 provides for "sequential bid" auctions. According to module 54, the bidding process follows a two-phase process as depicted in FIG. 6.

Process 300 initiates the auction process for the item, when the item is listed for sale by the seller. Box...